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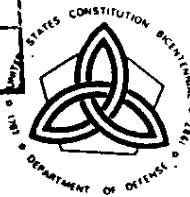
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1. Preliminary guidelines for the declassification review of security classified materials contained in the Vietnam War Records Collection were developed empirically by the Department of the Army commencing in 1974. They are based on the following authorities, events, precedents, Federal litigation, and historical experience of the Department of the Army in declassification review operations:

- a. Executive Orders 11652, 12065 and 12356.
- b. Department of Defense Directive 5200.1.
- c. Department of Defense Directive 5200.30.
- d. Department of the Army Regulation 380-5.
- e. Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller-Administration),

Memorandum, Subject: MACV Records, 24 October 1974, found at TAB A.

- f. Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller-Administration),

Memorandum, Subject: MACThai Records, 15 October 1975, found at TAB B.

- g. Circumstances terminating the Vietnam War, 25 April 1975.
- h. Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Memorandum, DJSM 1046-83, Subject: Public Release of MACV Records, dated 15 June 1983, found at TAB C.

- i. Westmoreland-CBS Litigation, 1983-86.

- j. Department of the Army Declassification Operations, 1954-87

2. The Department of the Army conducted a five-year systematic declassification review of the combat record of the Vietnam War using the preliminary guideline proposed herein. The records examined consisted of retired files of the US Army divisions (organic, assigned, and attached units) and the independent brigades committed to the war. Approximately 30,000 cubic feet of the records generated and successfully evacuated from the southeast Asian mainland were reviewed. Less than 20% of the materials reviewed were preserved as historically valuable records which documented

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the ground, helicopter, and riverine combat operations of the War. Almost without exception the total combat record was declassified. The intense media coverage of the war allowed for heavy reliance on a rationale of "knowledge in the public domain" and "stale operational data" to justify near complete declassification.

3. Approximately 2300 US Government and military organizational entities created and retired records from the Southeast Asian mainland from 1952 to April 1975. All are represented in the Vietnam War Records Collection. For the purposes of provenance and institutional continuity, "MACV" is defined as including its predecessor organization, the US Military Assistance and Advisory Group, Vietnam (USMAAG-V), 1954-64, and its successor organization, the Defense Attache Office, Saigon, March 1973 to April 1975.

4. Circumstances under which the war ended and known capture of United States records by the enemy -- including the complete holdings and production facilities of the Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam (CICV) -- made "presumption of compromise" a near certainty in many areas normally subject to the 50-year protection rule. In the same context, intact capture of the Joint General Staff (Republic of Vietnam) Headquarters by the enemy certainly compromised all US information to which the deposed government had been allowed access. Accordingly, the Department of the Army developed and applied the following guidelines for its systematic declassification review of the combat portion of the collection:

<u>CATEGORY OF INFORMATION</u>	<u>DECLASSIFICATION/STAFFING ACTION</u>
a. Ground operations: Including combat, supply, and support.	a. Declassify.
b. Helicopter Operations: Including Combat, supply, support, and Medical evacuation.	b. Declassify.
c. POW/Detainee Interrogation, confinement, administration, rehabilitation, and repatriation.	c. Declassify.
d. Battlefield intelligence.	d. Declassify.
e. Friendly and Enemy Order of Battle.	e. Declassify.
f. Operational Reports-Lessons Learned (ORLL) US-originated.*	f. Declassify. EXCEPT: ORLLs of intelligence units which are to be referred to USAINSCOM.

*DTIC holds approximately 3500 declassified ORLLs which are available for sale to the public in either film or paper format by NTIS. ORLLs were submitted on a mandatory quarterly schedule by all US Army units committed to the War.

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| g. All records of the Joint General Staff (RVN). | g. Declassify. |
| h. All files (US and RVN) marked MAT or KIN (RVN Secret or Confidential). | h. Declassify. |
| i. All products and files of the Combined Intelligence Center Vietnam (CICV) | i. Declassify. |
| j. All products and files of the Combined Materiel Exploitation Center (CMEC). | j. Declassify. |
| k. All products and files of the Combined Document Exploitation Center (CDEC). | k. Declassify. |
| l. All Contingency Plans. | l. Protect at marked security level; Refer to OJCS. |
| m. MACV/USARV Histories.* | m. Protect at security levels established by 1986 review. Use as a guideline for protection or release in all functional areas. |
| n. Pacification (Phung Hoang) Operations. | n. Declassify. |
| o. All MACV-SOG files or references to special operations of MACV-SOG. | o. Protect at marked security level; refer to OJCS. |
| p. All documents originated by OJCS. | p. Protect at marked security level; refer to OJCS. |
| q. Controlled American Source (CAS) | q. Protect at marked security level; refer to CIA. |
| r. Station Chief Reports. | r. Protect at marked security level; refer to CIA. |
| s. All documents originated by CIA or containing assets of the CIA. | s. Protect at marked security level; refer to CIA. |
| t. Special Intelligence Collection Requirements (SICR). | t. Protect at marked security level; refer to DIA. |
| u. All documents originated by DIA or containing assets of the DIA. | u. Protect at marked security level; refer to DIA. |
| v. All airborne operations under the direction of the 7th US Air Force. | v. Protect at marked security level; refer to USAF. |

* Original and sanitized copies are available from DTIC.

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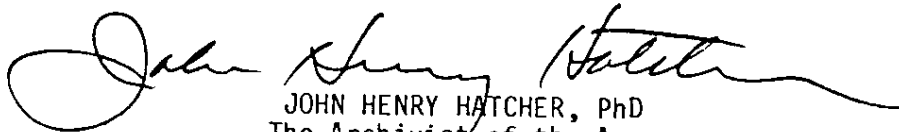
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| w. All documents originated by USAF or containing assets of the USAF. | w. Protect at marked security level; refer to USAF. |
| x. All surface and air operations under direction of US Naval Forces Vietnam. | x. Protect at marked security level; refer to USN. |
| y. All documents originated by USN or containing assets of the USN. | y. Protect at marked security level; refer to USN. |
| z. All documents originated by CINCPAC or containing assets of CINCPAC or OJCS. | z. Protect at marked security level; refer to CINCPAC. |
| aa. All documents originated by The US Department of State, USIS, or, USIA; or containing assets of the State Dept. | aa. Protect at marked security level; refer to State Dept. |
| bb. All documents originated by the NSA or containing assets of the NSA. | bb. Protect at marked security level; refer to NSA. |
| cc. All cryptographic, codeword, special access, or compartments material. | cc. Place under special security and notify the NSA. |
| dd. All documents originated by the NSC or containing assets of the NSC. | dd. Place under special security and notify the NSC. |
| ee. MACV Periodic Intelligence Estimates and Updates. | ee. Delassify, if free of sources and methods; otherwise refer to DIA. |
| ff. Information or documents originated by friendly or allied foreign governments. | ff. Afford the same level of protection or declassification accorded similar US-originated. |

5. The Vietnam War Records Collection was formally accessioned into the National Archives on 27 April 1987 at which time, the Department of the Army ceased declassification review operations. Subsequent declassification review will be undertaken by the Archivist of the United States. Your comments, modifications, and concurrences as appropriate on the proposals contained herein are respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Encls


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The Archivist of the Army

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